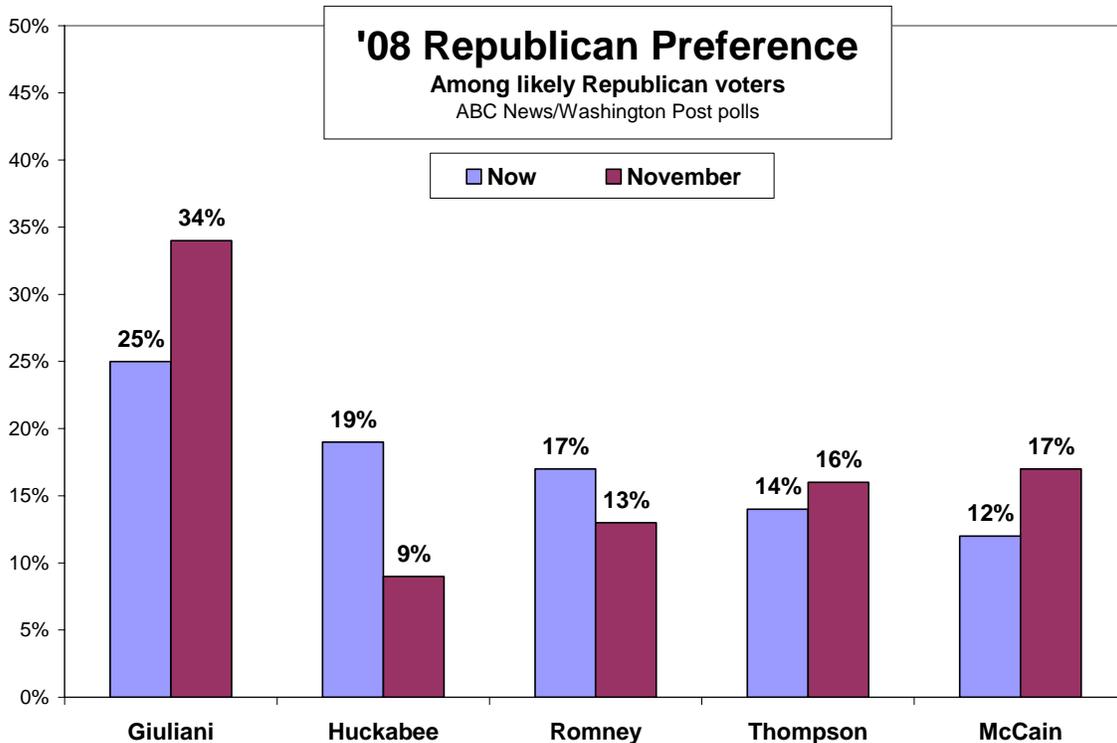


## Shifting Preferences Shake GOP Race; Dem. Contest is Stable, Bush Stays Low

The interaction of religion and politics is helping to roil the Republican presidential race, with Mike Huckabee and Mitt Romney gaining ground while support for Rudy Giuliani, down particularly among conservatives and highly engaged voters, has slipped to his lowest of the year.

With a rally among evangelical Protestants, Huckabee's advanced sharply in this national ABC News/Washington Post poll, while Romney's made some progress allaying concerns about his Mormon religion. Along with Giuliani's diminished lead, his one-time chief competitors, John McCain and Fred Thompson, are near their own lows.

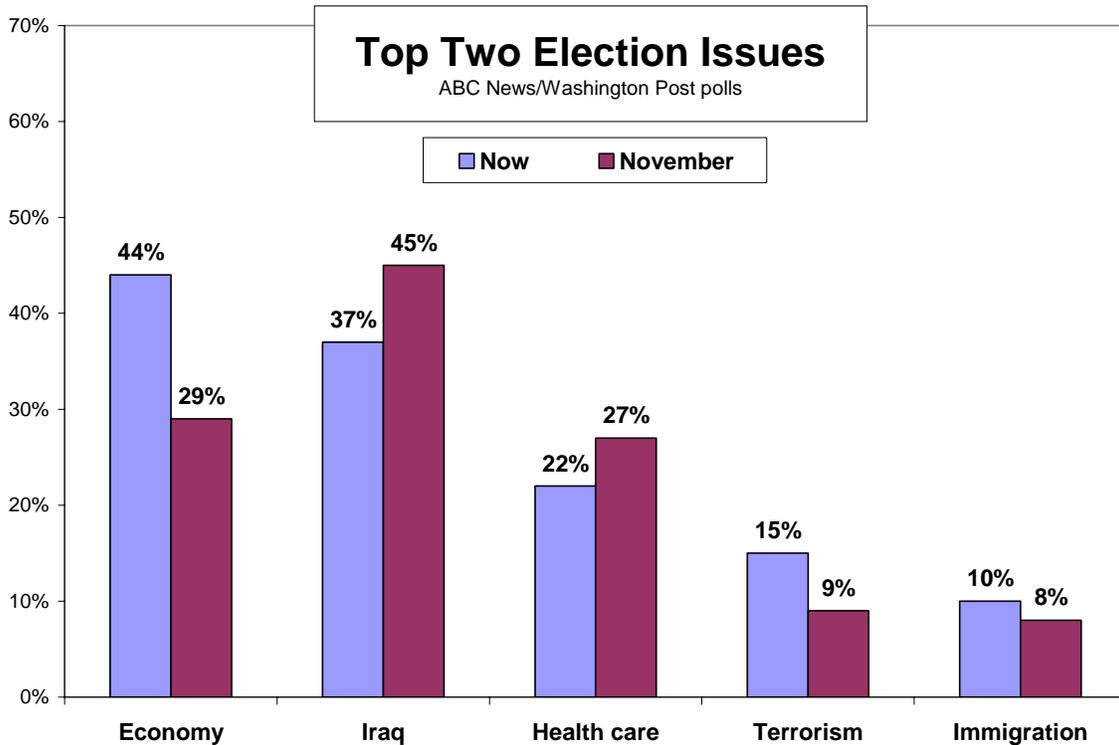
The upheaval reshapes the possibilities in the Republican contest, reflecting an electorate whose core groups have been uneasy with Giuliani and McCain and uninspired by Thompson. Among Republicans and Republican-leaning independents who say they're certain to vote, 25 percent in this poll support Giuliani, 19 percent Huckabee, 17 percent Romney, 14 percent Thompson and 12 percent McCain.



Huckabee's support has doubled from last month, while Giuliani's lost 9 points. And while Giuliani retains a lead, it's nothing like his glory days early this year – 53 percent in an ABC/Post poll last February, 30 points ahead of then-No. 2 McCain, with more modest double-digit leads subsequently.

Giuliani has dropped to 19 percent support among conservatives, a core Republican group uneasy with his backing of legal abortion and gay civil unions. He's down most sharply – by 20 points – among Republicans who are following the race very closely; they've shifted to Huckabee and Romney. And after two weeks on the defensive, Giuliani has lost considerable strength among his existing supporters: Just 28 percent of them now “strongly” favor him, down from 45 percent a month ago.

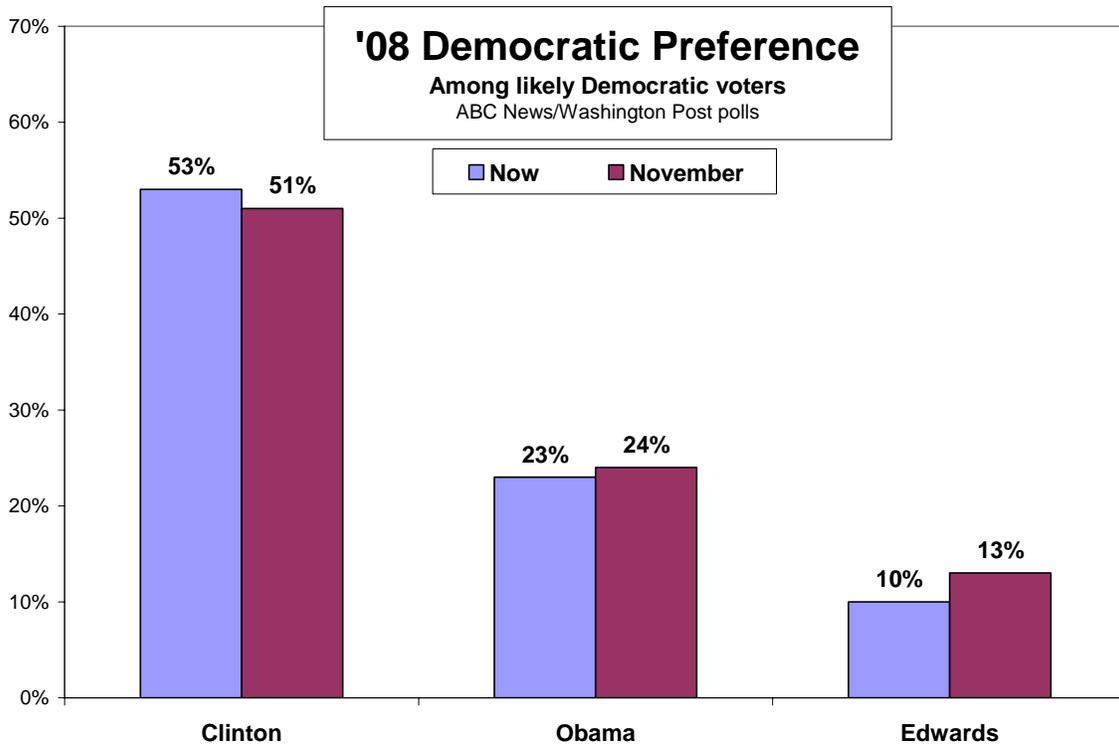
ISSUES – There's also a growing issue in the 2008 campaign: the economy, which for the first time has surpassed the war in Iraq among the top two issues cited by likely voters. Among all Americans, 44 percent now say the economy's one of the top issues in their vote for president, up 15 points from last month; 37 percent name Iraq, down eight.



Just 28 percent, moreover, say the economy's in good shape, the fewest since early 2003. Economic discontent can be a powerful political force, particularly if it finds a focus for blame.

DEMS – Unlike the Republican contest, this poll finds no upheaval in national preferences in the Democratic race, where, again among likely voters, Hillary Clinton

leads Barack Obama by more than 2-1, 53-23 percent, with John Edwards at 10 percent, all essentially the same as last month.



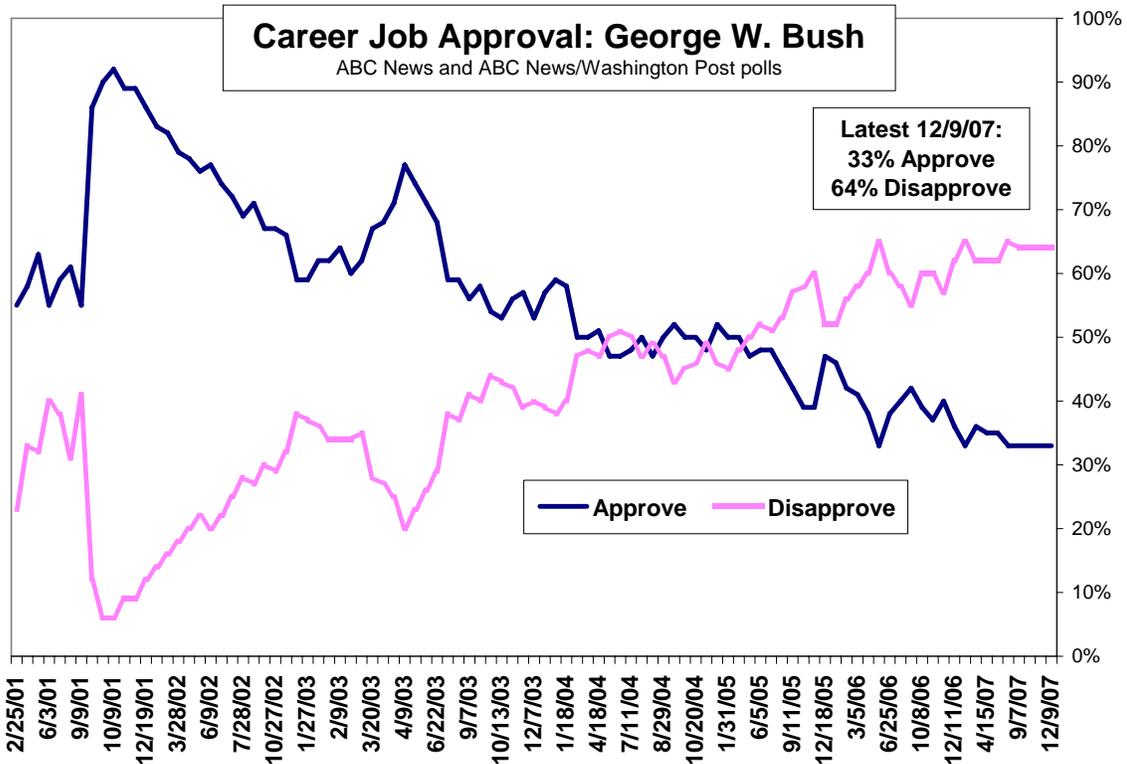
This poll was conducted Thursday to Sunday, including interviews through the weekend when television personality Oprah Winfrey campaigned for Obama in Iowa, South Carolina and New Hampshire. It found no bump in support for Obama in Saturday and Sunday interviews; indeed Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents are as likely to say Winfrey’s endorsement makes them less likely to support Obama as more likely. Eighty-two percent say it makes no difference in their vote.

In a related result, just 5 percent of Americans overall say they put a great amount of weight on endorsements by entertainment figures or other celebrities. Vastly more rely heavily on the candidates’ positions on the issues (65 percent), personal qualities (58 percent) and professional abilities (54 percent). Religion and spouses also are well back in importance, albeit ahead of celebrity endorsements.

	Weight in vote choice	
	Great amount	Great amount/ good deal NET
Positions on issues	65%	89%
Personal qualities	58	84
Professional abilities	54	86
Religious beliefs	18	31
Spouses	16	27
Celebrity endorsements	5	11

BUSH/IRAQ – Then there’s President Bush, inching closer to Harry Truman’s record as the postwar president to linger longest without majority public support. Just 33 percent approve of Bush’s job performance, matching his career low. It’s been less than a majority for 35 months straight; the record was Truman’s 38 months from 1949-1952.

Bush’s approval rating, depressed by the unpopular war in Iraq, has been remarkably flat, 33 to 36 percent in 10 ABC/Post polls the past year. In terms of intensity, strong disapprovers continue to outnumber strong approvers by a 3-1 margin.



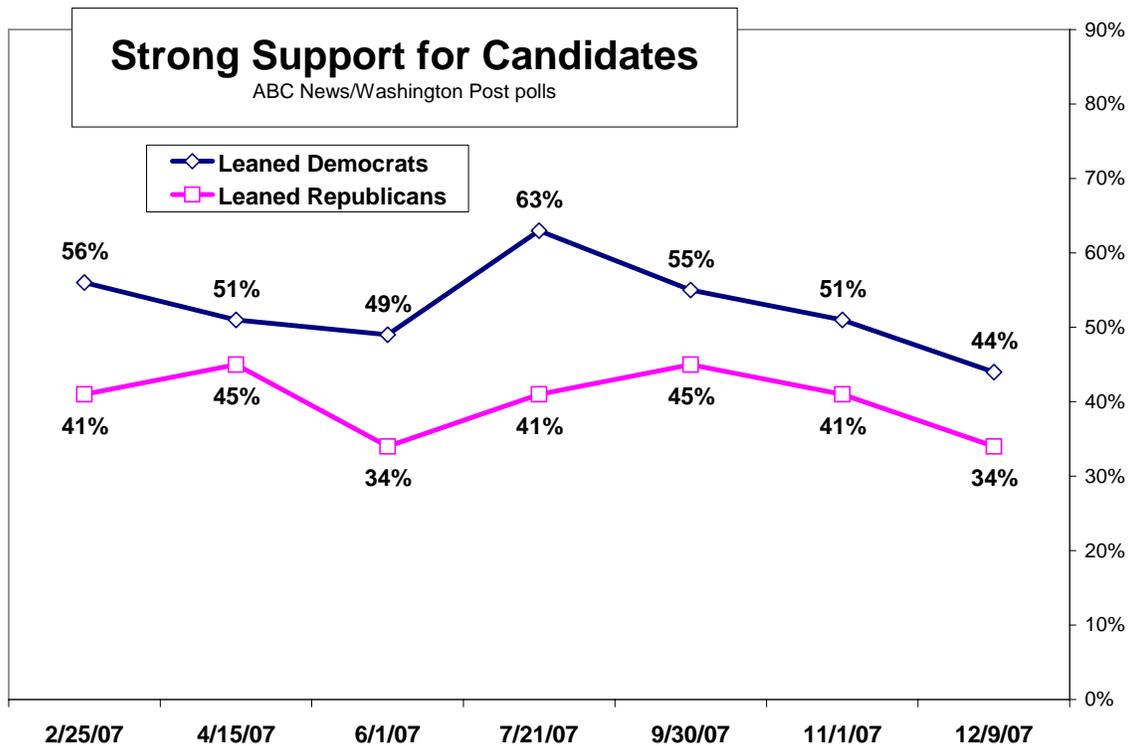
Given reduced violence in Iraq, some views of the war have shifted, but not enough to change bottom-line attitudes. Forty-one percent think the United States is making significant progress in Iraq, up from a low of 31 percent a year ago. But still 61 percent say the war was not worth fighting, its strong opponents outnumber its strong supporters by 2-1 and 65 percent continue to disapprove of how Bush is handling it. He hasn’t seen majority approval for handling the war since January 2004, nearly four years ago.

ELECTION – Bush’s flat lines likely have helped make the 2008 race the focus of political attention, along with the fact that it’s the first time since 1928 that neither the sitting president nor vice president sought their party’s nomination. Seventy-two percent of Americans say they’re following the contest closely, a new high in this cycle and far higher than the number – 45 percent – at this point in the last non-incumbent election, in 2000.

	12/07	12/99
Following the election very closely	72%	45%

Democrats are more fired up – they’re 10 points more apt than Republicans to “strongly” support a particular candidate. And given the president’s long-running unpopularity, an overall decline in Republican allegiance continues. On average this year just 25 percent of Americans have identified themselves as Republicans, down from a peak of 31 percent in 2003 and the fewest since 1984 (when, it should be noted, Ronald Reagan was re-elected regardless, over a weak Democratic opponent).

But the sharper tone of the campaigns in recent weeks may be souring some voters. “Strong” support for candidates is down in both parties – now 44 percent among leaned Democrats, down steadily from a peak of 63 percent in July; and 34 percent among Republicans, down from a high of 45 percent in September.

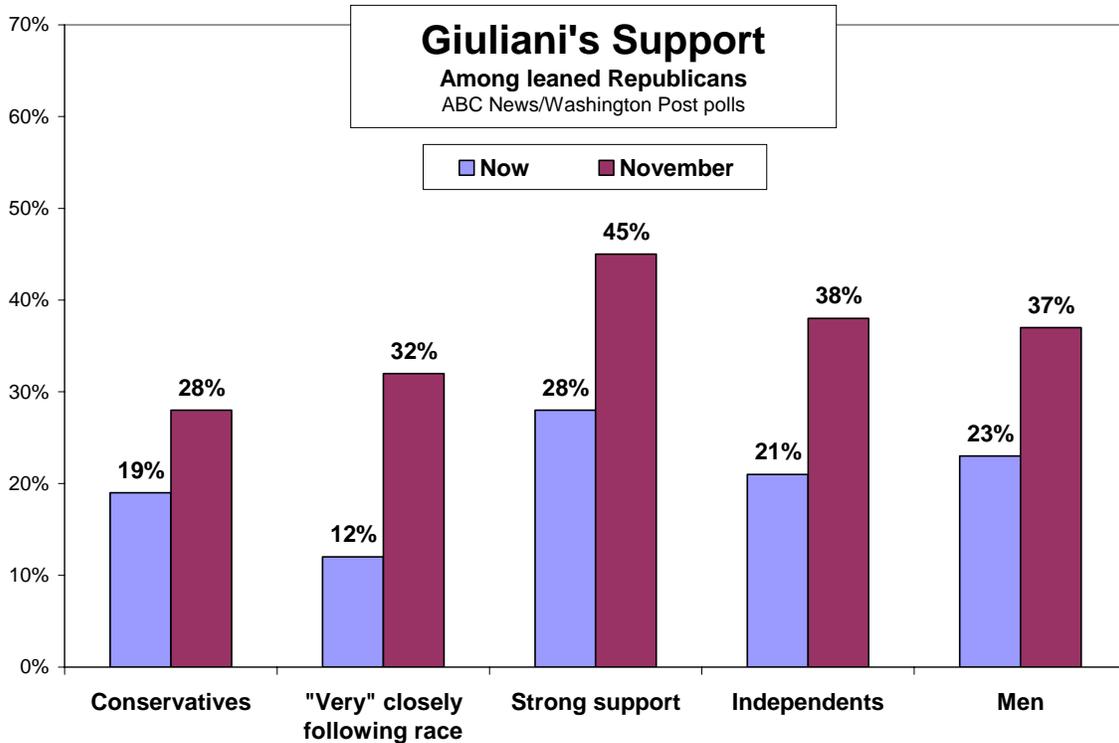


**GOP CANDIDATES** – In the Republican race, Giuliani has lost support particularly among men (down 14 points) and among independents who lean toward the Republican Party (down 17 points, while both Huckabee and Romney are up by 10 points in this group).

Giuliani’s also lost 9 points among conservatives, and now is running about evenly with Huckabee and Romney in this group. That’s Giuliani’s lowest of the year among

conservatives, and it compares with his 36 percent support from moderates and the few liberal Republicans. His challenge is that conservatives dominate; they account for six in 10 Republicans and Republican leaners.

Giuliani’s greatest decline, as noted, has been among people who are following the race very closely – people perhaps more likely to be tuned into recent questions about matters such as police security for his then-girlfriend when he was New York City mayor, and the identity of his security consulting firm’s business clients.



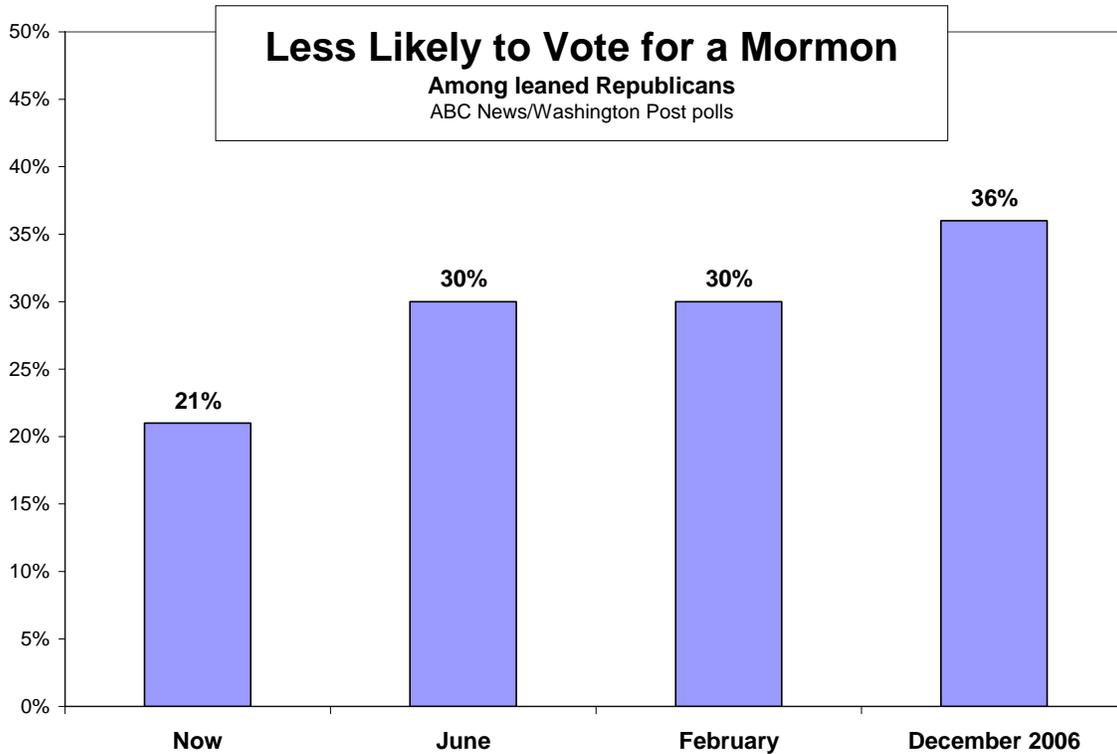
Huckabee, governor of Arkansas and a Baptist minister, first caught on in Iowa, where an ABC/Post poll just before Thanksgiving found him challenging Romney, who’s focused heavily on the state. Huckabee subsequently advanced in national polls, albeit not in New Hampshire, where he had just 9 percent support in an ABC/Post poll last week.

Huckabee’s support in this national poll is up by 10 points among likely voters from last month. As in Iowa, he’s advanced particularly among evangelical white Protestants, jumped from 13 percent support last month to a field-leading 29 percent support now. The main loss among evangelicals was McCain’s, from 23 percent down to 12 percent.

It matters: evangelicals account for 31 of all Republicans and Republican leaners, and 37 percent of likely Republican primary voters.

RELIGION – Romney, for his part, has gained 7 points overall among registered voters, though less (a slight 4 points) among likely voters. Better is his progress on the issue of

his religion, which he addressed in a speech last week: While 21 percent of leaned Republicans say they're less likely to vote for someone who's a Mormon, that's down from 30 percent in June and 36 percent a year ago.



These judgments matter; Romney has 20 percent support from Republicans who say Mormonism makes no difference in their choice – running second to Giuliani in this group – vs. almost no support among those less apt to back a Mormon candidate.

By contrast, this poll finds no net negative effect of a candidate's being a woman, an African-American, or a minister or other religious leader.

Romney may face further questions about his religion. Most Americans, 57 percent, feel they don't have a "good basic understanding" of it. And just 42 percent view Mormonism favorably overall; about as many, 39 percent, see it unfavorably, while 19 percent have no opinion. Romney's support is far higher – 28 percent, vs. 6 percent – among people who have a favorable opinion of his religion.

Religion is likely to continue to play a fascinating role in the race. Among all Americans just 27 percent say a political leader should rely on his or her religious beliefs in making policy decisions, a new low in ABC/Post polling and potentially a challenge for Huckabee or Romney in a general election contest.

At the same time, in his race for the nomination, Huckabee has 21 percent support among leaned Republicans who say a candidate should rely on his religious beliefs in making

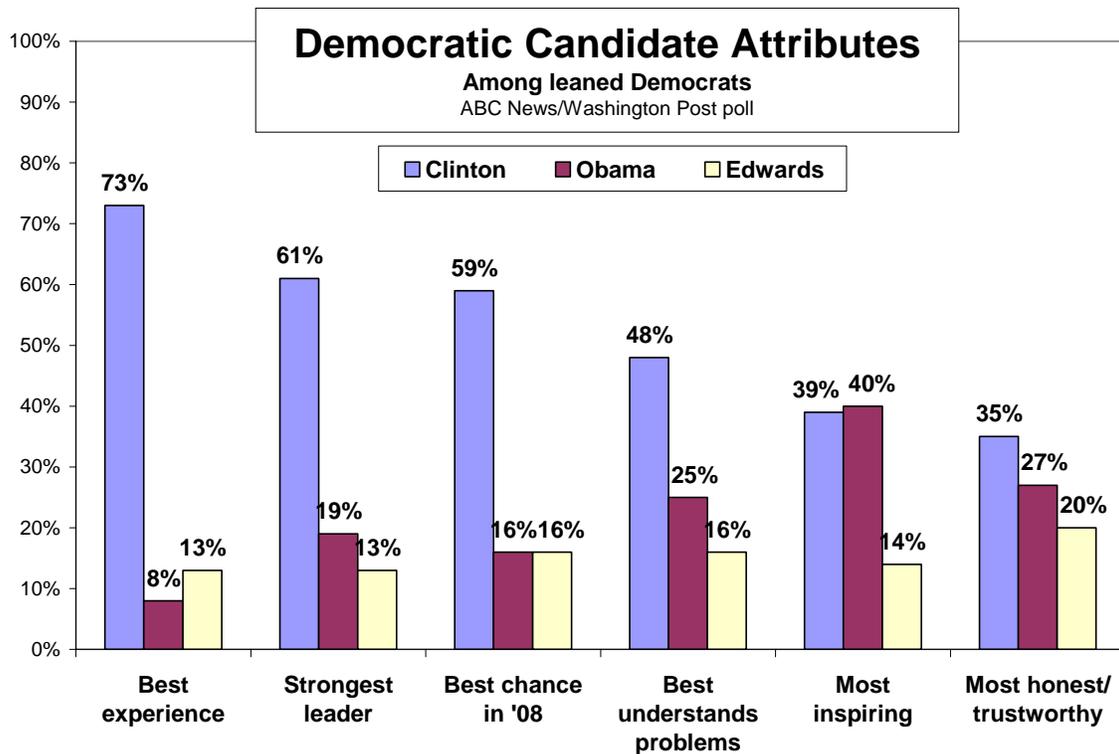
policy decisions. Among those who oppose reliance on religious belief in policy matters, Huckabee’s support drops to 10 percent.

**GOP ATTRIBUTES/ISSUES** – Giuliani, whatever his problems, continues to prevail on two important attributes: He’s easily seen as the most electable in November (with nearly a 3-1 lead over Romney, the No. 2 finisher on this attribute), and as the strongest leader (2-1 over McCain). Giuliani also has a scant five-point edge over McCain and Huckabee as the candidate who “best understands the problems of people like you.”

But he’s only even with McCain in terms of experience, there’s virtually a four-way tie among these four top candidates on who’s the most honest and trustworthy – and all five top candidates, also including Thompson, are in the mix on who best represents the core values of the Republican Party.

On issues, Giuliani leads in trust to handle terrorism, a cornerstone for his campaign, and has an advantage on economic issues, potentially useful as this concern grows. But he and McCain are about even in trust to handle Iraq and immigration, and he, Romney and Huckabee are about matched on “social issues, such as abortion and gay civil unions.”

**DEMOCRATS** – This poll finds more clear-cut preferences on the Democratic side, where the contest looks very much now like it has since September. Clinton’s overall lead is buttressed by very large advantages as the best experienced candidate, the strongest leader and the most electable in a general election. She also has a significant lead on empathy, wider than when that attribute last was tested in June.



Clinton has a much narrower eight-point advantage on honesty and trustworthiness, long a weaker suit for her. And Obama runs evenly with her in one last attribute, being the “most inspiring” candidate.

On issues, again Clinton prevails with very large leads in trust to handle health care, the economy, Iraq and terrorism alike.

While Clinton leads among both sexes, she again has a bigger advantage among women than men. Indeed she leads in this poll across demographic groups, including a 13-point advantage among African-Americans, who’ve been oversampled in ABC/Post polls all year for more reliable analysis.

ISSUES – There is, again, a significant difference between leaned Democrats and leaned Republicans when it comes to the top issues in their vote; Democrats converge around three issues – the economy, Iraq and health care – while Republicans bring in terrorism and immigration as well.

But among both groups there’s been a drop in mentions of Iraq as the top issue, and increases in concern about the economy – a looming wildcard in the 2008 election.

	Top two issues					
	Among leaned Dems			Among leaned Reps		
	Now	11/1	Change	Now	11/1	Change
Iraq	44%	54	-10	29	40	-11
Economy/jobs	46	30	+16	39	30	+9
Health care	28	33	-5	15	19	-4
Terrorism	8	3	+5	25	17	+8
Immigration	7	4	+3	15	13	+2

METHODOLOGY – This ABC News/Washington Post poll was conducted by telephone Dec. 6-9, 2007, among a random national sample of 1,136 adults, including an oversample of African-Americans for a total of 205 black respondents (weighted back to their correct share of the national population). The results have a three-point error margin for the full sample, 4 points for the sample of 610 Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents, 5 points for the sample of 409 Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, 4.5 points for the sample of 429 likely Democratic primary voters and 5.5 points for the sample of 293 likely Republican primary voters. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by TNS of Horsham, Pa.

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Full results follow (\*= less than 0.5 percent).

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president? Do you approve/disapprove strongly or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
12/9/07	33	17	16	64	14	50	3
11/1/07	33	17	16	64	13	50	3
9/30/07	33	15	18	64	14	49	3
9/7/07	33	16	17	64	15	49	3
7/21/07	33	16	17	65	13	52	2
6/1/07	35	17	18	62	16	46	3
4/15/07	35	17	18	62	14	49	2
2/25/07	36	19	17	62	12	49	2
1/19/07	33	17	16	65	14	51	2
12/11/06	36	18	18	62	13	49	2

Call for full trend.

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bush is handling (ITEM)?

12/9/07 - Summary Table

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
a. The situation in Iraq	33	65	2
b. The U.S. campaign against terrorism	46	52	3
c. The economy	34	63	3

Trend:

a. The situation in Iraq

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
12/9/07	33	19	14	65	13	52	2
9/30/07	30	17	14	68	12	57	1
9/7/07	34	16	18	65	12	53	1
7/21/07	31	17	14	68	11	58	1
6/1/07	31	17	14	67	11	56	1
4/15/07	29	17	13	70	11	59	*
2/25/07	31	17	14	67	13	55	1
1/19/07	29	16	13	70	13	57	1
1/10/07	34	21	13	64	14	50	2
12/11/06	28	12	16	70	13	57	2

Call for full trend.

b. The U.S. campaign against terrorism

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
12/9/07	46	NA	NA	52	NA	NA	3
9/30/07	40	NA	NA	57	NA	NA	3
9/7/07	46	26	20	51	17	34	3
7/21/07	43	NA	NA	56	NA	NA	2
6/1/07	44			52			4
4/15/07	44			53			3
2/25/07	46			52			1
1/19/07	46			52			2
12/11/06	46	"	"	52	"	"	2

Call for full trend.

c. The economy

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
12/9/07	34	63	3
9/30/07	37	61	3
6/1/07	40	57	3
4/15/07	40	59	1
2/25/07	43	55	2
1/19/07	41	57	2
12/11/06	43	55	2

Call for full trend.

3 and 4. Thinking ahead to the November 2008 presidential election, what is the single most important issue in your choice for president? (IF MENTIONED MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE) Is there one other issue that's nearly as important?

3/4 NET: Top two important issues combined

	12/9/07	11/1/07	9/7/07
Iraq/War in Iraq	37	45	53
Terrorism/National security	15	9	9
Economy/Jobs	44	29	25
Education	4	6	6
Environment	2	3	2
Health care	22	27	27
Ethics/Honesty/Corruption in government	5	5	7
Immigration/Illegal immigration	10	8	9
Abortion	2	2	2
Morals/Family values	4	3	4
Federal budget deficit	1	1	3
Housing/Mortgages	1	1	*
Global warming	1	1	1
Social Security	2	4	3
Foreign policy	3	3	2
Iran/Situation in Iran	1	*	*
Taxes	3	3	3
None/Nothing	1	*	*
Other	13	15	12
No opinion	7	8	9

5. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the U.S. Congress is doing its job?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
12/9/07	32	60	8
9/30/07	29	65	6
7/21/07	37	60	4
6/1/07	39	53	8
4/15/07	44	54	3
2/25/07	41	54	5
1/19/07	43	50	8
12/11/06	37	57	6
11/4/06 RV	36	60	4
10/22/06	31	65	4
10/8/06	32	66	2
9/7/06	40	55	5
8/6/06	36	60	4

5/15/06	33	63	4
4/9/06	35	62	3
3/5/06	36	62	3
1/26/06	43	53	4
1/8/06	41	55	5

Call for full trend.

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way (ITEM) are doing their job?

12/9/07 - Summary Table

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
a. The Republicans in Congress	32	63	5
b. The Democrats in Congress	40	53	6

Trend:

a. The Republicans in Congress

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
12/9/07	32	63	5
11/1/07	32	63	6
9/30/07	29	67	4
7/21/07	34	64	2
6/1/07	36	58	6
4/15/07	39	59	2
10/8/06	35	63	2
5/15/06	33	64	3
11/2/05	35	61	4
6/5/05	42	56	2
6/6/99	41	52	7
3/14/99	40	56	4
7/8/97	40	54	6
9/15/96 RV	46	48	6
6/30/96	38	56	6
4/5/95	45	50	5
10/31/94	33	59	7
10/23/94	31	64	5
9/11/94	35	59	6

b. The Democrats in Congress

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
12/9/07	40	53	6
11/1/07	36	58	6
9/30/07	38	57	5
7/21/07	46	51	2
6/1/07	44	49	6
4/15/07	54	44	2
10/8/06	48	50	3
5/15/06	39	58	4
11/2/05	41	54	5
6/5/05	42	56	3
6/6/99	51	42	7
3/14/99	51	42	7
7/8/97	45	49	6
4/5/95	36	60	4
10/31/94	39	53	8
10/23/94	36	59	5
9/11/94	41	53	6

7. Which political party, the (Democrats) or the (Republicans), do you trust to do a better job handling (ITEM)?

12/9/07 - Summary Table

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
a. The situation in Iraq	49	35	3	10	4
b. The U.S. campaign against terrorism	45	38	4	8	6
c. The economy	51	33	2	9	5

Trend:

a. The situation in Iraq

		Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
12/9/07		49	35	3	10	4
11/1/07		50	34	2	10	4
9/30/07		49	34	3	11	3
9/7/07		42	31	3	19	5
11/4/06	RV	42	42	1	11	3
10/22/06	RV	48	40	1	8	3
10/8/06		51	38	3	7	2
9/7/06		43	44	2	10	2
8/6/06		43	40	*	11	5
6/25/06		47	41	1	9	2
5/15/06		50	36	2	10	3
4/9/06		49	42	1	6	2
3/5/06		42	42	2	11	2
1/26/06		47	40	1	9	2
12/18/05		47	44	2	6	2
11/2/05		48	37	2	11	2
12/15/02*		30	56	4	7	3
10/27/02	LV	31	58	3	4	4
9/26/02		33	52	6	4	6

\*12/15/02 and previous: "The situation with Iraq and Saddam Hussein"

b. The U.S. campaign against terrorism

		Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion
12/9/07		45	38	4	8	6
11/1/07		41	42	4	9	4
9/30/07		41	40	5	10	4
9/7/07		39	36	4	17	4
10/22/06	RV	44	43	2	8	3
10/8/06		47	41	4	6	2
9/7/06		40	47	1	9	3
8/6/06		46	38	1	11	4
6/25/06		39	46	2	10	3
5/15/06		46	41	2	8	3
4/9/06		46	45	1	6	1
3/5/06		39	46	3	10	2
1/26/06		41	46	2	6	4
11/2/05		42	42	4	10	3
12/15/02		25	61	5	6	2
10/27/02*	LV	26	61	4	5	4
9/26/02*		30	51	6	6	8
7/15/02		27	55	9	3	6
1/27/02		23	62	10	3	2

\*"The war on terrorism"

c. The economy

	Democrats	Republicans	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No opinion	
12/9/07	51	33	2	9	5	
11/1/07	50	35	3	9	4	
9/30/07	51	33	2	11	3	
10/22/06	RV	50	41	2	5	2
10/8/06	54	37	3	6	1	
9/7/06	50	39	1	7	4	
6/25/06	52	39	1	5	3	
5/15/06	52	34	3	9	2	
4/9/06	49	43	1	4	3	
3/5/06	49	40	2	8	2	
1/26/06	55	37	2	5	2	

Call for full trend.

8. All in all, considering the costs to the United States versus the benefits to the United States, do you think the war with Iraq was worth fighting, or not? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Worth fighting -----			--- Not worth fighting ---			No opinion	
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly		
12/9/07	37	25	12	61	11	50	2	
11/1/07	35	23	12	63	12	51	2	
9/30/07	38	25	14	59	12	47	3	
9/7/07	36	23	13	62	11	51	2	
7/21/07	36	25	12	63	10	53	1	
6/1/07	37	24	12	61	12	50	2	
4/15/07	33	22	11	66	12	54	1	
2/25/07	34	22	12	64	13	51	2	
1/10/07	40	28	12	58	11	47	2	
12/11/06	36	25	11	61	12	50	2	
11/4/06	RV	44	33	12	53	10	44	2
10/22/06	40	28	12	57	11	47	2	
10/8/06	35	25	10	63	13	50	2	
9/7/06	42	29	13	56	11	45	2	
8/6/06	39	29	10	59	12	47	1	
6/25/06	40	25	15	58	13	45	2	
5/15/06	37	24	14	62	12	50	1	
4/9/06	41	30	11	58	10	48	1	
3/5/06	42	29	14	57	11	46	1	
1/26/06	44	32	12	55	13	42	1	
1/8/06	43	30	13	55	12	43	2	

Call for full trend.

9. Do you think the United States is or is not making significant progress toward restoring civil order in Iraq?

	Is making significant progress	Is not making significant progress	No opinion
12/9/07	41	55	4
11/1/07	39	59	2
9/7/07	36	60	4
6/1/07	32	64	4
12/11/06	31	66	3
6/25/06	48	49	2
3/5/06	43	56	2
12/18/05	60	37	2
11/2/05	44	55	2

8/28/05	48	50	2
6/26/05	48	51	1
12/19/04	44	49	7
6/20/04	51	48	1

10. Do you think (the United States should keep its military forces in Iraq until civil order is restored there, even if that means continued U.S. military casualties); OR, do you think (the United States should withdraw its military forces from Iraq in order to avoid further U.S. military casualties, even if that means civil order is not restored there)?

	Keep forces	Withdraw forces	No opinion
12/9/07	43	53	4
9/30/07	43	54	3
7/21/07	39	59	3
4/15/07	42	56	2
2/25/07	42	56	2
1/19/07	46	52	3
12/11/06	48	48	4
11/2/05	52	44	4
8/28/05	54	44	2
6/26/05	58	41	2
12/19/04	58	39	3
6/20/04	57	42	1
5/23/04	58	40	2
4/18/04	66	33	1
11/16/03	62	34	4
10/29/03	58	38	3
9/13/03	65	32	3
8/24/03	69	27	4
7/10/03	72	26	2

11. Do you think the war with Iraq has or has not contributed to the long-term security of the United States?

	----- Contributed -----			Has	No
	NET	Great deal	Somewhat	not	opinion
12/9/07	46	26	20	50	4
9/7/07	44	NA	NA	52	4
6/1/07	44	NA	NA	53	3
12/11/06	46	25	21	51	3
10/8/06	48	26	21	50	3
9/7/06	50	28	21	47	3
6/25/06	51	28	22	48	1
5/15/06	48	28	20	51	2
4/9/06	52	32	20	46	1
3/5/06	50	28	23	48	2
1/26/06	53	32	21	45	1

Call for full trend.

12. On another subject: I'm going to read a few attributes that might be found in a candidate for president. Please tell me if each would make you (more likely) to vote for that candidate for president, or (less likely) to vote for that candidate, or if it wouldn't matter.

12/9/07 - Summary Table

	More	Less	Wouldn't matter	No opinion
a. someone who is a Mormon	3	22	73	2
b. someone who is a woman	12	15	73	*

c. someone who is black	6	5	88	1
d. someone who has been a minister or other religious leader	14	19	66	1

Trend where available:

	More likely	Less likely	Wouldn't matter	No opinion
a. someone who is a Mormon				
12/9/07	3	22	73	2
2/25/07	4	29	66	1
12/11/06	3	35	61	1
Among leaned Republicans:				
12/9/07	6	21	72	1
6/1/07	5	30	64	1
2/25/07	4	30	65	1
12/11/06	2	36	61	1
b. someone who is a woman				
12/9/07	12	15	73	*
2/25/07	14	13	72	1
12/11/06	17	14	69	*
5/8/88*	10	25	64	2
*AP				
c. someone who is black				
12/9/07	6	5	88	1
2/25/07	7	6	87	*
12/11/06	9	7	84	*
5/8/88*	5	27	66	3
*AP				

d. No trend.

13. (IF LESS LIKELY TO VOTE FOR A MORMON, Q12a) Is there a chance you'd vote for a Mormon for president, or no chance?

	Chance	No chance	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
12/9/07	25	65	9	1
2/25/07	34	60	5	*
Among leaned Republicans:				
12/9/07	26	63	11	0
6/1/07	41	49	10	0
2/25/07	37	59	4	0

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	More likely	NET	Chance	No Chance	Depends	Wouldn't matter	No opinion
12/9/07	3	22	5	14	2	73	2
2/25/07	4	30	10	18	2	66	1
Among leaned Republicans:							
12/9/07	6	21	6	14	2	72	1
6/1/07	5	30	12	15	3	64	1
2/25/07	4	30	11	18	1	65	1

14. How closely are you following the 2008 presidential race: very closely, somewhat closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

---- Closely ----      ---- Not closely ----      No

	NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not too	At all	opinion
12/9/07	72	21	51	28	19	8	*
11/1/07	67	21	46	33	22	12	0
9/30/07	69	21	48	30	21	10	*
7/21/07	70	22	48	30	20	10	*
6/1/07	66	18	48	34	22	13	*
4/15/07	66	20	45	34	20	14	*
2/25/07	65	20	44	35	25	10	*
2004 (Partial trend)							
1/18/04	66	22	44	35	22	13	*
10/29/03	54	15	39	45	30	15	0
9/13/03	56	16	40	44	27	17	*
2000 (Partial trend)							
1/16/00	50	11	39	50	26	24	*
12/15/99	45	12	33	55	31	24	*
10/31/99	61	16	45	38	25	13	*

15. I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the 2008 presidential primary or caucus in your state. Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

	Certain	Probable	50-50	Less than 50-50	Will not vote (vol.)	No primary/ caucus (vol.)	No opin.
12/9/07	70	11	10	6	3	*	*
11/1/07	69	12	10	6	3	*	1

16. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) If the 2008 Democratic presidential primary or caucus in your state were being held today, and the candidates were: (Hillary Clinton, John Edwards, Barack Obama, Bill Richardson, Joe Biden, Chris Dodd, or Dennis Kucinich), for whom would you vote?

NET LEANED VOTE - LIKELY VOTERS

	12/9/07	11/1/07
Hillary Clinton	53	51
Barack Obama	23	24
John Edwards	10	13
Bill Richardson	3	2
Joe Biden	3	3
Dennis Kucinich	2	3
Chris Dodd	*	*
Other (vol.)	0	1
None (vol.)	1	2
No opinion	3	2

NET LEANED VOTE - ALL LEANED DEMS

	12/9/07	11/1/07	9/30/07	9/7/07	7/21/07	6/1/07	4/15/07	2/25/07
Hillary Clinton	52	49	53	41	45	42	41	43
Barack Obama	23	26	20	27	30	27	25	27
John Edwards	12	12	13	14	12	11	17	14
Bill Richardson	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	3
Joe Biden	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	2
Dennis Kucinich	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	*
Chris Dodd	*	1	*	1	1	1	*	*
Other (vol.)	0	*	*	1	1	*	1	*
None (vol.)	2	1	4	4	2	4	3	4
Wouldn't vote (vol.)	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1
No opinion	3	2	2	5	2	6	5	4

\*Asked Mike Gravel 11/1 and previous, Al Gore 7/21 and previous, Wesley Clark 4/15 and previous, Tom Vilsack 2/25 and previous, John Kerry 1/19 and previous, Evan Bayh 12/11

17. (IF NAMED DEM CANDIDATE) Do you support (CANDIDATE) strongly, or somewhat?

NET - ALL CANDIDATES

	Strongly	Somewhat	No opinion
12/9/07	44	56	*
11/1/07	51	49	*
9/30/07	55	45	0
7/21/07	63	36	1
6/1/07	49	50	*
4/15/07	51	49	0
2/25/07	56	43	*

12/9/07 - Summary Table

	Strongly	Somewhat	No opinion
Hillary Clinton	49	51	*
Barack Obama	41	59	0

Trend where available:

Hillary Clinton			
12/9/07	49	51	*
11/1/07	57	42	1
9/30/07	61	39	0
7/21/07	68	32	0
6/1/07	53	47	0
4/15/07	59	41	0
2/25/06	56	44	0

Barack Obama			
12/9/07	41	59	0
11/1/07	50	50	0
9/30/07	52	48	0
7/21/07	56	43	1
6/1/07	43	56	1
4/15/07	51	49	0
2/25/06	60	38	1

18. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) Regardless of who you may support, who do you think (ITEM) - (Clinton) (Obama) or (Edwards)?

12/9/07 - Summary Table

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	All (vol.)	Any 2 (vol.)	None (vol.)	No opin.
a. is the strongest leader	61	19	13	*	1	1	4
b. is the most honest and trustworthy	35	27	20	3	2	7	6
c. has the best chance of getting elected president in November 2008	59	16	16	1	2	1	5
d. has the best experience to be president	73	8	13	1	*	1	3
e. is the most inspiring	39	40	14	1	2	2	3
f. best understands the problems of people like you	48	25	16	1	1	3	4

Trend:

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	All (vol.)	Any 2 (vol.)	None (vol.)	No opinion
a. is the strongest leader							
12/9/07	61	19	13	*	1	1	4
11/1/07	59	24	12	1	1	1	3
9/30/07	61	20	13	1	1	2	3
6/1/07	50	26	15	1	1	1	5
2/25/07	52	23	17	1	1	1	5
b. is the most honest and trustworthy							
12/9/07	35	27	20	3	2	7	6
11/1/07	34	29	18	5	2	7	5
9/30/07	35	26	22	2	1	8	5
6/1/07	28	34	22	3	2	6	6
2/25/07	29	34	21	3	2	7	5
c. has the best chance of getting elected president in November 2008							
12/9/07	59	16	16	1	2	1	5
11/1/07	62	15	14	1	2	1	5
9/30/07	57	16	20	*	1	1	3
6/1/07	43	21	26	1	2	1	6
2/25/07	48	17	25	*	2	1	6
d. has the best experience to be president							
12/9/07	73	8	13	1	*	1	3
6/1/07	66	9	19	1	1	2	3
2/25/07	71	5	17	1	1	2	3
e. is the most inspiring							
12/9/07	39	40	14	1	2	2	3
9/30/07	41	37	14	1	2	4	2
6/1/07	37	41	15	1	1	3	2
2/25/07	36	44	14	1	1	2	3
f. best understands the problems of people like you							
12/9/07	48	25	16	1	1	3	4
6/1/07	38	33	18	2	1	4	5
2/25/07	39	31	20	1	1	3	4

19. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) Regardless of who you may support, who do you trust most to handle (ITEM) - (Clinton), (Obama) or (Edwards)?

9/30/07 - Summary Table

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	All (vol.)	Any 2 (vol.)	None (vol.)	No opinion
a. The war in Iraq	51	26	14	2	1	2	4
b. The U.S. campaign against terrorism	50	23	15	3	2	2	6
c. The economy	58	18	16	2	1	1	4
d. Health care	60	15	16	1	1	1	6

Trend:

	Clinton	Obama	Edwards	All (vol.)	Any 2 (vol.)	None (vol.)	No opinion
a. The war in Iraq							
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12/9/07	51	26	14	2	1	2	4
9/30/07	52	22	17	1	*	4	5

b. The U.S. campaign against terrorism							
12/9/07	50	23	15	3	2	2	6
9/30/07	51	20	19	1	*	3	6
c. The economy							
12/9/07	58	18	16	2	1	1	4
9/30/07	56	17	17	1	1	3	4
d. Health care							
12/9/07	60	15	16	1	1	1	6
9/30/07	66	15	14	1	*	2	2

20. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) If the 2008 Republican presidential primary or caucus in your state were being held today, and the candidates were: (Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee, Duncan Hunter, Tom Tancredo, Ron Paul, or Fred Thompson), for whom would you vote?

NET LEANED VOTE - LIKELY VOTERS

	12/9/07	11/1/07
Rudy Giuliani	25	34
Mike Huckabee	19	9
Mitt Romney	17	13
Fred Thompson	14	16
John McCain	12	17
Ron Paul	3	2
Duncan Hunter	2	2
Tom Tancredo	0	1
Other (vol.)	*	0
None (vol.)	3	2
No opinion	4	3

NET LEANED VOTE - ALL LEANED REPS

	12/9/07	11/1/07	9/30/07	9/7/07	7/21/07	6/1/07	4/15/07	2/25/07
Rudy Giuliani	26	33	34	28	37	34	35	53
Mitt Romney	17	11	11	10	8	10	10	5
John McCain	15	19	12	18	16	20	22	23
Mike Huckabee	15	9	8	5	2	2	1	2
Fred Thompson	12	16	17	19	15	13	10	NA
Ron Paul	3	3	3	1	2	2	1	1
Duncan Hunter	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	*
Tom Tancredo	1	1	1	*	2	1	1	1
Other (vol.)	*	*	*	1	*	*	0	*
None (vol.)	4	4	4	2	5	3	4	2
Wouldn't vote (vol.)	*	*	1	2	1	*	*	1
No opinion	5	3	8	10	5	10	7	5

\*Asked Sam Brownback 9/30 and previous, Tommy Thompson 7/21 and previous, Jim Gilmore 6/1 and previous, Chuck Hagel and George Pataki, 4/15 and previous.

21. (IF NAMED REP CANDIDATE) Do you support (CANDIDATE) strongly, or somewhat?

NET - ALL CANDIDATES

	Strongly	Somewhat	No opinion
12/9/07	34	66	1
11/1/07	41	59	0
9/30/07	45	54	1
7/21/07	41	59	*
6/1/07	34	65	1

4/15/07	45	55	*
2/25/07	41	59	1

12/9/07 - Summary Table

	Strongly	Somewhat	No opinion
Rudy Guiliani			
12/9/07	28	71	1
11/1/07	45	55	0
9/30/07	42	56	2
7/21/07	32	67	*
6/1/07	36	63	1
4/15/07	45	55	0
2/25/07	38	61	*

22. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Regardless of who you may support, who do you think (ITEM)?

12/9/07 - Summary Table

	Giuliani	McCain	Romney	Huckabee	Thompson	Oth./None No opin.
a. is the strongest leader	38	19	11	9	6	16
b. is the most honest and trustworthy	16	17	14	17	9	26
c. has the best chance of getting elected president in November 2008	42	10	15	7	5	21
d. best reflects the core values of the Republican Party	16	18	14	16	13	24
e. best understands the problems of people like you	21	16	10	16	9	29
f. has the best experience to be president	28	25	12	5	8	22

23. (ASKED OF LEANED REPUBLICANS) Regardless of who you may support, who do you trust most to handle (ITEM)?

12/9/07 - Summary Table

	Giuliani	McCain	Romney	Huckabee	Thompson	Oth./None No opin.
a. The war in Iraq	28	29	9	9	8	17
b. The U.S. campaign against terrorism	36	26	7	8	8	16
c. The economy	27	14	18	10	10	21
d. Immigration issues	22	18	9	11	10	30
e. Social issues, such as abortion and gay civil unions	15	11	16	17	11	30

24. Which of these is more important to you in a candidate for president: (strength and experience) or (a new direction and new ideas)?

Strength and	New direction	Both	Neither	No
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	experience	and new ideas	(vol.)	(vol.)	opinion
12/9/07	54	38	6	*	1
11/1/07	49	41	8	1	1
9/30/07	52	40	7	1	1
7/21/07	50	41	6	*	2

25. In deciding who to support for president, how much weight do you give to (ITEM) - a great amount, a good deal, just some, or hardly any?

- a. The candidates' positions on the main issues facing the country
- b. The candidates' personal qualities, such as their values and understanding of ordinary people's problems
- c. The candidates' professional abilities, such as their experience, leadership and management skills
- d. The candidates' religious beliefs
- e. Endorsements of the candidates by entertainment figures or other celebrities
- f. The candidates' spouses

12/9/07

	-Grt amt/Good deal-			- Some/Hardly any -			None	Depends	No
	NET	Grt amount	Good deal	NET	Some	Hardly any	(vol.)	(vol.)	op.
a. Issues	89	65	24	10	8	2	1	*	1
b. Qualities	84	58	25	15	11	3	1	0	*
c. Abilities	86	54	32	13	10	3	*	0	1
d. Religion	31	18	13	57	25	32	11	1	1
e. Endorsemts.	11	5	6	64	15	49	24	*	1
f. Spouses	27	16	12	63	27	35	9	*	1

26. (ASKED OF LEANED DEMOCRATS) Does Oprah Winfrey's endorsement of Barack Obama make you (more) likely to support Obama, (less) likely to support him, or won't it make any difference in your vote? IF MORE: Is that a great deal or somewhat more? IF LESS: Is that a great deal or somewhat less?

	----- More -----			----- Less -----			No	No
	NET	Grt deal	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Grt deal	diff.	opin.
12/9/07	8	4	4	10	3	7	82	*

27. On another subject, do you think a political leader should or should not rely on his or her religious beliefs in making policy decisions?

	Should	Should not	Depends (vol.)	No opinion
12/9/07	27	66	6	1
10/8/06	35	61	2	2
4/24/05	40	55	4	2

28. On another subject, do you feel you do or do not have a good basic understanding of the teachings and beliefs of the Mormon religion?

	Yes	No	No opinion
12/9/07	41	57	1

29. Would you say you have a generally favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Mormon religion? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
12/9/07	42	8	34	39	25	14	19

30. On another subject, would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good or poor?

	--- Excellent/Good ---			--- Not so good/Poor ---			No
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	opinion
12/9/07	28	3	25	72	40	32	*
11/1/07	35	3	32	64	39	26	*
4/15/07	42	5	37	57	37	20	*
12/11/06	50	7	42	50	36	14	*
10/22/06	55	10	45	45	28	17	*
10/8/06	47	7	40	53	37	16	*
3/5/06	43	5	38	57	37	19	*
1/26/06	40	5	35	60	37	23	*

Call for full trend.

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